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“Lord, I want to live a blameless life, but I need Your help, Lord, especially in my own home, where I long to act as I should.”
(Psalm 101:2)

Mercy is Love in Action

“Love is patient and kind. Love is not filled with envy. Love is not jealous or boastful, rude or proud. Love does not demand its own way. Love is not irritable or easily angered, and it keeps no record of wrongs. Love is never glad about injustice, but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, always perseveres, and endures through every circumstance.”

(1 Corinthians 13:4-8)

How to Show Mercy at Home

1. By _____

“Love is not irritable or easily angered.” (1 Corinthians 13:5)

The next time someone pushes your buttons, stop and ask yourself:

- (a) Why am I angry?
- (b) What do I really want out of this?
- (c) How can I get it?

“Be careful that when you get on each other’s nerves, you don’t snap at each other. Look for the best in each other and always do your best to bring it out.” (1 Thessalonians 5: 15)

2. By _____

“Love is patient and kind.” (1 Corinthians 13:4)

“Whenever you are able, do good to people who need help.”
(Proverbs 3:27)

3. By _____

“Love keeps no record of wrongs.” (1 Corinthians 13:5)

Don’t repeat it. _____ it.

- (a) Don’t rehearse it over and over in your mind.
- (b) Don’t bring it back up as a relational weapon.
- (c) Don’t tell other people about it.

4. By _____

“Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, always perseveres, and endures through every circumstance.”

(1 Corinthians 13:7)

The Good News: The four things God expects you to do with your family, God does with *you* every single day of your life.

“This thought fills me with hope: The unfailing love of the Lord never ends! Great is His faithfulness! His mercies begin afresh each day!” (Lamentations 3:22-23)